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Cynthia Findley, Director, Division of Immunization
Department of Health
625 Forster Street
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Findley,

Regarding Proposed changes #3146 & 3147 to 28 PA Code Ch. 23

I am the father of three adult children and five grandchildren, I am opposed to most of the proposed immunization regulations, currently under review.

As a child, my siblings and I had the typical childhood diseases without complications or visits to the doctor. When we were kids, it was rare to know any child who had cancer, diabetes, allergies, asthma, ADHD, and autism was unknown. Since the vaccine schedule has more than tripled since 1986, these chronic conditions are much more common and reasonable people have to question why public health officials refuse to examine the connection between them and vaccines. This is especially troubling when thousands of parents link the decline in their children to vaccination. Apparently, administering multiple doses of combination vaccines overloads the fragile systems of babies and young children.

Your plan which would require parents to obtain an official medical diagnosis of the chicken pox is unnecessary and expensive. Laboratory tests are also expensive; parents should not lose the option of verifying that their children had the chicken pox.

Please update Annex A to list "inactivated" polio instead of "activated" polio vaccine. Additionally, Annex A is confusing with combination vaccines listed. Please list all vaccines separately as combinations change and other countries have different doses. Please give a simpler explanation for what can be used as evidence of immunity for each of the diseases.

I am also opposed to your plan to mandate additional vaccines for school admission, specifically the pertussis and meningitis vaccines. Meningitis is rare and most people develop immunity to it without intervention. The legislators refused to act on a bill which would mandate this vaccine and I oppose it being pushed now by a group that is

unaccountable and unelected. Studies show that the pertussis vaccine is lasting only a few years and there is no guarantee that additional doses will prevent outbreaks.

These vaccines are already available to anyone who wants them. They should not be mandated.

In your analysis, you barely mentioned that vaccines can cause harm, but the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has paid over \$3.3 billion to those who have been killed or injured by vaccines. Since vaccine manufacturers and those who administer can not be held liable in civil courts, parents must be able to decide, without coercion or loss of public education, whether or not they are willing to risk vaccines or not. Most people are not aware of the current exemptions available to them, so I request that all immunization forms from the state clearly list the available medical and religious exemptions.

I support your proposal to extend the reporting date until December, however shortening the provisional period to only five days is too short. Nearby states average around 60 days for their provisional period, which seems a reasonable amount of time. Transfer students should also be given 60 days to complete their paperwork.

Please withdraw these proposed regulations. I would like to be contacted when the final regulations are available.

Sincerely,

George R. Shupe